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1. AT CONCLUSION MARCH 14 RESTRICTED DPC (AMBASSADORS ONLY) UNDER "OTHER BUSINES", MCAULIFFE (US) CALLED ATTENTION TO AMABASSADOR BRUCE'S MARCH 7 REQUEST THAT DPC CONSIDER TURKEY'S NEEDS FOR NATO-RELATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND FUNDS. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT BOTH INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF UNDER ADMIRAL SIR PETER HILL-NORTON AND INT'L STAFF UNDER ASYG HUMPHREYS WERE AT WORK ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF QUESTION; AND HE INQUIRED WHETHER DPC MIGHT MEET NEXT WEEK TO ADDRESS QUESTION EVEN IN PRELIMINARY FASHION. SUCH A DPC DISCUSSION, MCAULIFFE POINTED OUT, WOULD ENABLE PERMREPS AND ALLIED CAPITALS TO BEGIN TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH SCOPE AND NATURE OF TURKEY'S NATO-RELATED NEEDS WHILE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS MOVES FORWARD IN WASHINGTON. ERALP (TURKEY) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR U.S. SUGGESTION, PROMISING FULL COOPERATION FROM HIS DELEGATION.

2. BRABAND (IS, REPRESENTING ASYG HUMPHRESYS) RESPONDED THAT STAFF WORK HAD NOT YET PROGRESSED SUFFICIENTLY TO PERMIT DRC MEETING, MUCH LESS DISCUSSION BY DPC. ADMIRAL SIR PETER HILL-NORTON MOST HELPFULLY REPORTED THAT EARLIER IN THE MORNING HE
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HAD SIGNED AND FORWARDED TO SYG LUNS HIS PERSONAL AND PRIVATE ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTS OF THE CUTOFF OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY. WHILE NOT A DETAILED STUDY, HIS REPORT TO THE SYG ADDRESSES THREE ISSUES: 1) THE NEAR-TERM EFFECT ON TURKEY'S

MILITARY POSTURE AND READINESS; 2) THE EFFECT ON THE U.S. MILITARY POSITION IN THE EVENT TURKEY WERETO DENY OR RESTRICT U.S. MILITARY ACCESS TO CERTAIN FACILITIES; AND 3) THE DAMAGE TO NATO'S COLLECTIVE DEFENSE. THE ADMIRAL COUNSELLED THAT, IN HIS MILITARY VIEW, THE TURKISH POSITION IS CERTAINLY ONE THAT WARRANTS PROMPT ATTENTION BY DPC; HE ADVISED ASYG PANSA TO ALLOW DR. LUNS TO MAKE THE DECISION HIMSELF BECAUSE OF THE DELICACY OF THE POLITICAL ISSUES INVOLVED; AND HE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT AMBASSADORS DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT ONLY IN RESTRICTED DPC SESSION LIKE THE CURRENT ONE.

3. ERALP EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE FOR HIS PROMPT REPORT TO THE SYG AND SUPPORTED HIS SUGGESTIONS DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) LAUDED ADMIRAL SIR PETER HILL-NORTON AS A MILITARY LEADER OF RENOWN WHOSE PROFESSIONAL VIEWS ALWAYS WARRANT RESPECT AND WHO ALWAYS DEVOTED HIS TIME AND ATTENTION TO GREAT ISSUES, NOT TO TRIVIA. HE THEN CHIDED BRABAND AND THE INT'L STAFF FOR THEIR SLUGGISHNESS AND THEIR CONCERN FOR SYNTAX AND PERFECTIONISM WHEN GREAT ISSUES ARE AT STAKE. DE STAERCKE THEN URGED PANSA TO CONVEY TO LUNS HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT COPIES OF THE ADMIRAL'S ASSESSMENT BE RELEASED TO DPC PERMREPS -- AND THAT DPC AMBASSADORS MEET IN RESTRICTED SESSION NEXT WEEK TO BEGIN TO IDENTIFY WHAT GOVERNMENTS CAN AND SHOULD DO TO HELP MEET TURKEY'S NATO NEEDS. KRAPF (FRG) AND SVART (DENMARK) SUPPORTED THE DEAN.

4. ACTING SYG PANSA PROMISED TO CONVEY DPC CONSENSUS TO DR. LUNS AS SOON AS LATTER RETURNS FROM HIS CURRENT TRIP TO AFSOUTH.MCAULIFFE

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